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introduction

Thank you for purchasing an a/d/s/ in-wall speaker system. Please read the following instructions carefully. Following these instructions will ensure that your system will deliver the best possible performance.

cautions

To reduce risk of injury because of an accident, be careful when working on a ladder or other high places.

about this manual

In-wall speakers can be used with many different receivers/televisions or amplifiers. They are designed to be powered by an amplifier with a minimum of 20 watts of power.

features

tweeter

The C-series in-wall tweeters incorporate a 1" soft dome, and Ferrofluid™ voice coil damping.

tweeter protection

A solid state device reduces power to the tweeter when the loudspeaker is operated at unsafe power levels. It resets automatically when power is reduced to a safe level. Note: the tweeter protector provides a significant level of protection. However, it does not guarantee that the tweeter cannot be damaged. Always be careful when operating the speakers at a high volume level.

woofer

The polypropylene woofer employs a barium ferrite magnet structure for well damped, extended bass and high efficiency.

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video shielding
a/d/s/ C-series in-wall speakers are now video-shielded, making them the perfect candidates for a high-quality home-theater system without having to use more intrusive bookshelf speakers.

pre-wire connector
Two-piece speaker wire terminals are provided to facilitate simple, painless pre-wiring and installation. Just plug and play.

installation precautions and tips
Please read these instructions completely for the best enjoyment of your Custom Series speakers.

When you cut into the wall to install the speaker, do not cut through the facing or insulation that may be behind the wall. This facing is a moisture barrier. Use duct tape or wide vinyl tape to seal any cuts.

Keep debris and loose material away from the installation location. Do not allow debris to get in the openings of the woofer basket. Debris and loose material can cause buzzing or rattling, and can damage the woofer cone. Install plastic or fiberglass screening above the speaker to keep debris away. Handle the speaker carefully.

Do not let anything touch the speaker cone or dome. Do not clean the speaker with paint thinner or any solvents.

- Consider the services of a professional custom installer. If you have any doubts about your own abilities, it is better not to risk damaging your walls or ceilings, electrical wiring, ventilation ducts or plumbing.
- Work with good quality, correct tools. This will save you time and assure superior results.
- When using speakers outdoors, locations should be sheltered from direct sunlight, rain or snow. Direct exposure will shorten product life.
- Combined impedance for speakers connected to each channel must be at least 4 ohms. This is the minimum impedance tolerated by most amplifiers. Check with your dealer before wiring multiple speaker pairs.

general mounting suggestions
Avoid placing the speaker within two feet (0.6 meters) of a corner. The acoustic reflections from surfaces near the speakers can detract from the sound quality. Do not place the speaker behind heavy fabrics; if you cannot see through a fabric, you cannot hear through it.
The in-wall speakers are designed for "infinite baffle" operation. The area behind the speaker installation should be at least one-half cubic foot in volume to ensure proper performance. If the area is too small it will limit bass response and cause a peak in the mid-bass range.
The panel on which the speaker is mounted must be rigid. There must not be any air leaks between the area behind the speaker and the listening area.

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prewiring

- Check local building and electrical codes for compliance of the speaker wire.
- Use stranded wire of at least 16 gauge; for runs over 100 feet, it is preferable to use 14 gauge wire.
- Use only insulated staples or nylon tie straps to secure wiring within the wall to avoid shorts.
- Do not stretch the wire as it is being routed. This could create future (and costly) problems.
- Leave about 2-3 feet of free wire at both ends. Cutting excess wire is better than splicing.
- Always "home run" wires: run a continuous wire from each speaker directly to the source location. Do not connect speakers together any other way for easier diagnosis of faulty wire or speaker problems.
- Wire speakers in phase with the same polarity. Attach positive (+/red) and negative (-/black) terminals consistently.
- Combined impedance for speakers connected to each channel should be at least 4 ohms. This is the minimum impedance tolerated by most amplifiers. Check with your dealer before wiring.

preparing the wall or ceiling cutout

Confirm there is at least 1" between the final cutout and nearby studs or joints for positioning mounting hardware. Temporarily fasten the stiff paper template (supplied) to the wall with thumbtacks. Carefully trace around the perimeter with a pencil. Before making the final cutout of the entire hole, first make a small 4-inch"test" cutout in the center of your penciled outline. Reach your hand inside to verify that studs are outside the outline. This is an important step, since stud finders are not infallible.

To cut the actual hole, first score wallboard with a sharp knife; then use a keyhole saw to complete the cut. Remove remaining debris from the edges. Hold the speaker up to the cutout to make sure it inserts easily without forcing.

At this point, it is a good idea to secure the speaker wire to a stud near the cutout so its own weight will not tug on the terminals of the speaker after it is connected. This will also prevent you from "losing" the wire in the ceiling. Before attaching the wire, make sure the speaker wire runs through, not around, the metal mounting bracket.

installation preparation

Use the supplied template to outline the mounting hole. Cut the mounting hole and remove any debris from the area. Take the necessary steps to keep debris from falling into the back of the speaker.

Route the wires from the amplifier to the speaker installation location. Strip about 1/2" of the insulation from the wire conductors. Twist the wire strands of the conductors into neat bundles. Insert the wires into the provided 2-pin plug and tighten the set screws to secure the wires. Connect the speaker plug to the matching 2-pin jack on the crossover board just before final mounting.

final installation

The speaker is held in place with six mounting clamps that are part of the assembly. When shipped from the factory the clamps are pivoted so they will fit into the mounting hole. When the mounting hole clamp screws are turned, the clamps pivot outward and are then drawn downward until they press against the back of the mounting surface.
Insert the speaker/mounting bezel assembly into the mounting hole. Hold the speaker in place in the mounting hole and evenly tighten the four mounting screws to draw the mounting brackets against the backside of the mounting surface. Gradually tighten the screws, moving from one to another, until the speaker is firmly clamped in place.

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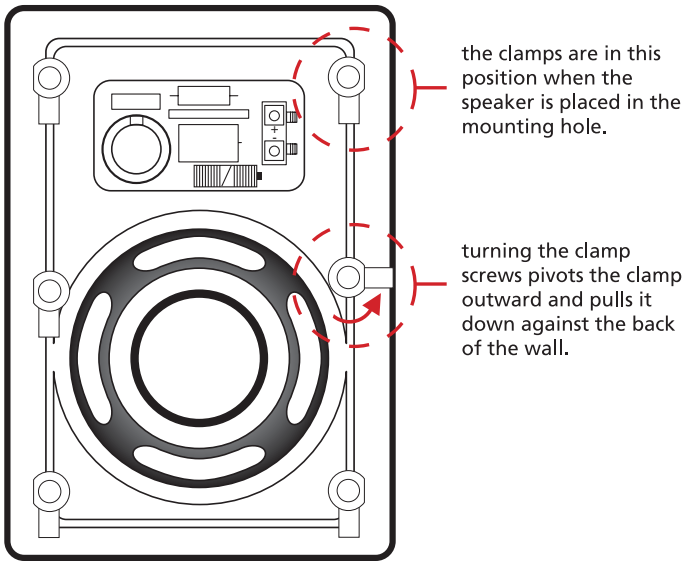
the clamps are in this position when the speaker is placed in the mounting hole.
turning the clamp screws pivots the clamp outward and pulls it down against the back of the wall.

custom painting

- Paint the speaker frame and grill before mounting to the wall; paint grill and frame separately.
- Before painting, mask the recessed area of the speaker to completely protect the speaker drivers.
- After painting the grill, gently blow through its perforated holes to prevent paint clogging.

operation

checking the system

Listen carefully to each speaker. If you hear buzzing or rattling noises, remove the speaker and check for a speaker wire or other objects touching the speaker assembly. When you are satisfied with the installation press the grills into place.

tweeter protector

If a speaker sounds "dull", or "lacks "brilliance", you may have activated the tweeter protector. If high power operation causes the tweeter to stop playing, turn down the volume control until normal sound resumes.

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specifications

	C500iw	C600iw	C800iw	C900iw
Mounting hole	6 1/4" x 9 5/8"	7 3/8" x 10 3/4"	8 3/4" x 12 13/16"	7 3/8" x 16 3/8"
Depth from front of wall	2 5/8"	3 1/8"	3 3/8"	3 1/8"
Overall dimensions	7 1/2" x 11"	8 3/4" x 12 1/8"	10 1/16" x 14 1/8"	8 11/16" x17 5/8"
Power range (RMS watts)	10-75	10-75	10-100	10-100
Impedance	8 ohms	8 ohms	8 ohms	8 ohms
Frequency response (Hz)	54-20k	42-20k	36-20k	54-20k
Sensitivity 1W/1M (dB)	87dB	88dB	92dB	90dB
Woofer	5 1/4"	6 1/2"	8"	2 x 5 1/4"
Tweeter	1" dome	1" dome	1" dome	1" dome
Crossover frequency (Hz)	2.6k	2.4k	2.4k	2.6k
Crossover slope (dB/oct)	12	12	12	12

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